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1 A. He knew they found out, and that's when we
2 talked about the cell phone that he gave me for a
3 little bit.

4 Q. When was it you talked about the cell
5 phone? Was it at that practice?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. So did he have you off to the side or how
8 was it you were able to talk to him?

9 A. Yes, he had me off to the side.

10 Q. Can you tell me where that was and what
11 conversation you had?

12 A. It was just at the field. It was right off
13 to the side, and we just talked about like he said
14 he still wanted to keep in contact with me, so he
15 had a plan to give me a cell phone.

16 Q. Was your mother able to see you talking to
17 him one on one?

18 A. I do not know.

19 Q. Did she say anything to you afterwards
20 like, hey, what were you talking to Mr. Romig
21 about?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Did your dad go to that practice?

24 A. No.

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1 Q. Did your dad -- when you were playing in --
2 before you started playing on JV in high school,
3 did you play softball before that?

4 A. I played in middle school and on travel
5 teams.

6 Q. Okay. And did your dad go to your games?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Fairly regularly?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. How about when you started high school, did
11 your dad continue to go to the games?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. How about in your -- so he went to your
14 games when you were playing JV freshman and JV
15 sophomore?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. How about as a junior? When you were a
18 junior in high school, did you make the varsity
19 team?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Did your dad go to your games?

22 A. He did not attend regularly, which he used
23 to. And if he did attend, he would sit like far
24 away from all the parents and like he not like

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1 associated with anyone else.

2 Q. How many games do you play in a season in
3 high school?

4 A. I would say about 20, I believe. I'm not
5 sure.

6 Q. In your sophomore year, how many of those
7 20 games did your dad go to?

8 A. He basically made all of them. The only
9 reason he couldn't is if he couldn't get out of
10 work to make them.

11 Q. How about in your junior year, how many of
12 the 20 games did he make?

13 A. He only made a couple.

14 Q. When you say a couple, two, three?

15 A. Yes, like three or four.

16 Q. How about your senior year, the year you
17 just completed?

18 A. I would say he attended about six.

19 Q. Okay. Lycoming College, how did you
20 decide on Lycoming? You said you had three
21 choices. Did you visit all three schools?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did your dad go with you on your visits?

24 A. He went to most of them.

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1 Q. I believe your mom went on the visits with
2 you also?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. As part of those visits, did you interact
5 at all with the softball coach?

6 A. I talked to the Kutztown coach, and they
7 said like they would take me. I talked to the York
8 coach, and she said like I had to tryout for their
9 team, and I talked to the Lycoming a little bit.

10 Q. What did Lycoming say as far as trying
11 out?

12 A. That I can tryout for the team.

13 Q. Did any of these schools or any other
14 schools actively recruit you for softball?

15 A. The Kutztown one kind of did, like they
16 came to some of my tournaments, and I went to a
17 camp of theirs.

18 Q. And you say that you are a pitcher and
19 outfielder. Any particular position in the
20 outfield?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Are you basically a pitcher who sometimes
23 plays the outfield? Is pitching your stronger
24 position?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Is that what you hope to do in college is
3 pitch?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. After your parents come up to you and talk
6 to about this phone bill and a number of text
7 messages, do they take the phone away from you
8 right away?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Do they look through the phone at all?

11 A. I don't know.

12 Q. At the time that they took the phone away
13 from you, any sexual explicit pictures of either
14 you or him on the phone?

15 A. I don't think so.

16 Q. The records at Nova talk about a Susan
17 Bizon, B-I-Z-O-N. Do you know who that is?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did you ever have to testify at any
20 criminal proceeding?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Did you attend any criminal hearings at
23 all?

24 A. No.

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1 Q. All your contacts with the detectives were
2 -- was where? Where did they occur?

3 A. Mainly at my house.

4 Q. And how many times did you meet with them?

5 A. I met with them a couple of times, and then
6 when everything first happened, I had to go to the
7 police department in Perkasio and talk to them a
8 little bit.

9 Q. Okay. You talked about there was a
10 reference to your mother's statement about taking
11 you to the doctor afterwards for a pregnancy test.
12 Did you -- were there any measures that you -- that
13 were taken to prevent pregnancy while you were
14 having this relationship with Mr. Ronig?

15 A. No.

16 Q. And you intend to live at Lycoming at the
17 dorm?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Was there any discussion at all about maybe
20 you should live closer and not stay at a college or
21 is that something you always wanted to do is live
22 at college?

23 A. I always wanted to stay there.

24 Q. Your mother, I think, in her statement

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1 talked about National Honor Society. Are you a
2 member of the National Honor Society?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What year did you get that?

5 A. You are allowed to become a junior year.

6 Q. Okay. Did you become in your junior year?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Is that something then you keep into your
9 senior year?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. For two years you've been on the National
12 Honor Society?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. In light of that, the National Honor
15 Society, and your grades, and we have a copy of
16 your grades, were you offered any academic money,
17 any academic scholarships --

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. -- to Lycoming. What kind of academic
20 scholarship or what percentage of money are you
21 getting there?

22 A. I believe I'm getting \$19,000, and then
23 they also gave me a scholars award for, I believe,
24 \$7,000.

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1 Q. Okay. Does that pretty much make up the
2 whole ride, do you know?

3 A. I believe it's like a majority of it, like
4 three quarters, I think.

5 Q. Okay. Congratulations.

6 A. Thank you.

7 Q. Did any of the other schools offer you
8 money, academic money?

9 A. I think York a little bit, but York and
10 Kutztown, like they have a cheaper tuition, so.

11 Q. You talked about in your freshman year, Mr.
12 Romig was a coach of the JV team. At that time
13 when he's coaching the JV team, you said you didn't
14 know of any prior relationship or anything he had
15 with any other players. Were there any rumors
16 about it, Mr. Romig is this or Mr. Romig is that?

17 A. No.

18 Q. What did you know about his personal life?

19 A. During my freshman year, I didn't. Like I
20 knew he had kids and a wife, and that was really
21 it.

22 Q. Did he wear a wedding ring?

23 A. I do not know.

24 Q. How about during the time in 20 -- June of

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1 2002 to October of 2003, did he wear a wedding
2 ring?

3 MR. GROTH: '13.

4 THE WITNESS: No.

5 BY MR. SANTARONE:

6 Q. He didn't?

7 A. No.

8 Q. When you went to his house on the eight to
9 twelve times, were there pictures of children
10 around or did it look like it was his family home?

11 A. There were pictures of kids.

12 Q. And where did he say his wife and children
13 were?

14 A. He told me that they were at her parents'
15 house.

16 Q. Was that down the shore? Up the mountains?

17 A. I don't know.

18 Q. You didn't get into that at all?

19 A. No.

20 Q. You talked about you went to your senior
21 prom?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Do they have a junior prom at Pennridge?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Did you go to your junior prom?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Who did you go to your junior prom with?

4 A. I went with my friends.

5 Q. Was that something that was kind of what
6 some people do, go to the junior prom?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. The summer league you played in was Deep
9 Run. Was that the summer between your sophomore
10 and junior year?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. 2013?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And how long did that season last?

15 A. That lasted, I believe, until like July.

16 Q. And then the Belles started after that?

17 A. It started in August.

18 Q. Okay. How long would the Belles season
19 run?

20 A. They had a fall season, so that lasted from
21 like August, and we started tournaments in, I
22 guess, September, and then that lasted until as
23 long as we could play, to like late October or
24 early November.

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1 Q. Did you play for the Belles until late
2 October?

3 A. Yes, and then there was a spring season
4 that we -- that like went into the summer of the
5 next year.

6 Q. So after Mr. Romig's arrest, did you
7 continue to play for the Belles and finish out that
8 season with them?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. How did that team do? How did the Belles
11 do?

12 A. We did okay.

13 Q. Are there playoffs or championships for
14 that league?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Do you know what the record was of the
17 team?

18 A. I don't know.

19 Q. Did you personally play well?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Were you pitching or playing outfield or
22 both?

23 A. I was mainly pitching. I played the
24 outfield a little bit.

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1 Q. You were asked about Alli Wedman. Were you
2 concerned -- was Alli Wedman someone who came over
3 your house, was a friend of yours that would come
4 over?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Did you ever have concern your mother would
7 say, Liz stayed last week at your house?

8 A. No.

9 Q. You never thought that would happen?

10 A. No.

11 Q. When you told Alli Wedman about this
12 relationship, you said I'm the girl?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Did she ask questions?

15 A. What do you mean?

16 Q. Like did she ask you questions about what
17 happened? How did the relationship evolve?

18 A. Not really, like she understood, if I
19 wanted to talk about it, I would. She was just
20 there for me.

21 Q. Have you ever talked to her about it?

22 A. No, not really.

23 Q. Okay. How was it that you came to get
24 involved in the Sellersville Belles? Had you

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1 played for them any previous year?

2 A. No.

3 Q. How was it you came to be involved with
4 them?

5 A. Mr. Romig, he said like he was going to
6 become a coach there, and he wanted me to join the
7 team.

8 Q. Did any other girls from the Pennridge team
9 join that summer, the Belles?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Who else?

12 A. Natalie Babik, again, Julie Helbling, and
13 Alyssa Hughes.

14 Q. Do you know if Mr. Romig had recruited them
15 to play on the team also?

16 A. I don't know.

17 Q. Your phone you had was taken -- was given
18 to the police. The police ended up with it?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Was that a an I-Phone? What kind of phone?

21 A. I believe, it was an android.

22 Q. Okay. Did you get -- do you have a phone
23 now?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. What kind of phone do you have now?

2 A. Samsung Galaxy.

3 Q. How long after the police or your parents
4 took your phone was it you got another phone, not
5 counting the one that Mr. Romig gave you?

6 A. It was months because then the police had
7 it, so it was, I would say, like four months or so
8 that I was able to get a new one.

9 Q. Okay. In four months you didn't get the
10 phone back, and then you got a brand new phone?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Did you get a new number?

13 A. No.

14 Q. So you kept the same phone number you had?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. You are still on the same AT&T plan?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. During the times that you saw Levenberg or
19 Trishelle, did they do any kind of testing? Did
20 they give any where you sat down and did tests?

21 A. No.

22 Q. So it was all conversation?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you know if -- how long would the

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1 sessions last, do you know?

2 A. They would normally last about an hour,
3 hour and a half.

4 Q. During the sessions with Levenberg, did she
5 take notes during it?

6 A. I believe so.

7 Q. How about Trishelle? You only saw her a
8 couple of times you said?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Did she take notes?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And following Romig's arrest, did you ever
13 make any attempt to communicate with him at all?

14 A. No.

15 Q. You talked about when you first got back to
16 school the start of your junior year. Romig was
17 arrested October of that year, correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. When you first -- when you go back to
20 school, do you start September?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. After Labor Day?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Between whenever you start school after

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1 Labor Day until the time of the arrest, did you see
2 Mr. Romig at all at school?

3 A. No.

4 Q. You said that after this happened, there
5 was talk at the school about they were trying to
6 figure out who it was, but that lasted a couple of
7 weeks?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Other than somebody -- you told, I guess,
10 Alli being the only one, did anybody figure out who
11 it was?

12 A. I believe my teammates figured it out.

13 Q. Have any of them ever said anything to you?

14 A. No.

15 Q. What leads you to believe they figured it
16 out?

17 A. Well, through the news articles they could
18 figure it out and everything.

19 Q. Okay. Has any of your teammates ever asked
20 you any questions about this lawsuit?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Has anybody ever asked you any questions
23 about this lawsuit other than us sitting here
24 today?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. And you said that, since this is over, you
3 feel like your relationship with your parents is
4 stronger than it was before?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Have you talked to your dad about why he
7 does not come to your games?

8 A. It's kind of hard for him to like just go
9 back to watching softball and everything again.

10 Q. Have you asked him to come to your games?

11 A. Not really.

12 MR. SANTARONE: That's all I have.

13 Thank you.

14 BY MS. CONNOR:

15 Q. Miss Nace, my name is Carla Connor. I
16 represent Faith Christian Academy and two of the
17 individual defendants. I really only have a few
18 questions for you. With regard to Alli, did she go
19 to Pennridge with you?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Was she in your class?

22 A. No. She's a year older.

23 Q. She in college now?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Where does she go?
2 A. Messiah.
3 Q. Did she play softball?
4 A. No.
5 Q. Did Mr. Romig ever buy you presents?
6 A. Yes.
7 Q. What did he get you?
8 A. He got me a necklace.
9 Q. Anything else?
10 A. Not that I remember.
11 Q. Did you ever by him presents?
12 A. No.
13 Q. You said that you went out with, I think,
14 Brooks Countess, is it?
15 A. Yes.
16 Q. For about a month or two, I guess, after
17 the prom?
18 A. Yes.
19 Q. Your breakup with him have anything to do
20 with what we're here for today with regard to Mr.
21 Romig?
22 A. No.
23 Q. You also testified that Dr. Levenberg
24 taught you some coping mechanisms. What type of

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1 coping mechanisms did she teach you?

2 A. She basically taught me to like do what I
3 like doing, which is like I do community service
4 and like we do mission trips at my church and
5 everything, and then she told me to like do outdoor
6 things like with Girl Scouts. We go hiking and do
7 different things. And then she basically told me
8 like some days like it's okay to have like down
9 time and like read or like relax and everything.

10 Q. Have you stayed involved in Girl Scouts?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And how many mission trips have you been on
13 since the end of, I guess, your sophomore year?

14 A. I believe there's been three. Altogether
15 I've gone on four.

16 Q. Where do you go?

17 A. We went to the Appalachian Mountains. Each
18 year we change states, but it was all like in the
19 mountains.

20 Q. For how long a period of time do you go
21 away?

22 A. A week.

23 Q. Do your parents go with you?

24 A. My mom does.

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1 Q. What type of work do you do?

2 A. We did, like, we rebuild houses basically.

3 Sometimes we would work on the floor or the ceiling
4 or the walls.

5 Q. When with were talking about that softball
6 practice after your parents found out about Eric
7 Romig, you said that you thought you should go to
8 that practice so that the other girls wouldn't
9 think anything. Why would they have thought
10 anything?

11 A. Like after he was arrested, they would be
12 able to like figure out it was me or something.

13 Q. Was that softball practice after he was
14 arrested or before?

15 A. No, before.

16 Q. So at that point you were already
17 contemplating that he was going to be arrested?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Had you gone to -- had your parents gone to
20 the police yet?

21 A. I believe so.

22 MR. CONNOR: I don't have any other
23 questions. Thank you.

24 BY MR. COX:

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1 Q. Miss Nace, Rob Cox, and I represent the
2 Pennridge defendants in this case, and you've
3 already answered a lot of questions today. So I'm
4 going to make an effort to not make you re-tread
5 terrain that you've already covered, but there may
6 be some overlap, but let me get started. I think
7 in response to a question from Mr. Kemether that
8 you would try to keep the relationship with Romig
9 secret from your parents. Did you also try to
10 prevent anyone from Pennridge learning of the
11 relationship?

12 A. Well, I never really talked about it. I
13 didn't really try to prevent it. I just never
14 mentioned it to anyone or talked about it at all.

15 Q. Why didn't you mention it to anyone at
16 Pennridge or elsewhere?

17 A. He told me not to.

18 Q. All right. In response to a question from
19 Mr. Kemether about how your parents would have
20 responded had they found out, I think, you said
21 something to the effect they would have had a
22 problem if they found out about the relationship
23 prior to when they did, and that that was a reason
24 that you -- that you didn't share the relationship

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1 with them. Do you remember saying that or
2 something to that effect?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. All right. How do you think your teachers
5 or staff at Pennridge would have responded to
6 finding out that you had a relationship with Mr.
7 Romig?

8 MR. GROTH: Object to the form of
9 the question. Calls for her to speculate
10 about somebody else's mindset and their
11 thinking about a certain topic, but you
12 can answer the question if you can.

13 THE WITNESS: I don't really know
14 how they would respond. Like now I know
15 they wouldn't be okay with it, but back
16 when I was younger and when I was in the
17 relationship, I wouldn't really know.

18 BY MR. COX:

19 Q. When you say that you think now they would
20 have had -- it wouldn't have been okay with it, why
21 do you say that?

22 A. Like now I know it was not okay, and back
23 then I was like young and inexperienced and I
24 didn't really know any better.

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1 Q. All right. What steps did you take to try
2 to keep the relationship with Romig a secret?

3 A. Well, he picked me up -- like he didn't
4 pick me up at my house. He picked me up like a
5 block away, and we just didn't discuss it with
6 anyone.

7 Q. All right. Prior to late September when
8 your parents found your phone, did they ever ask
9 you about your relationship with Eric Romig?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Did they ever ask you about Eric Romig or
12 talk to you about Eric Romig at all prior to
13 finding your phone?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Do you know what they thought of him as a
16 coach?

17 A. They -- like they thought he was a good
18 coach, and he was very helpful for the team.

19 Q. How do you know they thought that?

20 A. They said it and like the parents talked
21 about it on the team and they all liked him.

22 Q. All right. Did your -- did the other
23 players on your team feel that way with Mr. Romig
24 to your knowledge prior to this -- prior to late

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1 September of 2013?

2 A. I believe so.

3 Q. All right. Did you ever hear from any of
4 your teammates or anyone else that they had a
5 problem with Eric Romig?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Did your parents interact with Mr. Romig?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. When?

10 A. Like at games they would just talk about
11 softball and things.

12 Q. Just garden variety type conversations?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. All right. Did your parents ever interact
15 with Mr. Romig outside of the context of softball?

16 A. Not that I know of.

17 Q. So just games and practices?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. For the most part, did your parents
20 typically transport you to practices and games?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Other than your relationship with Mr. Romig
23 as a player within the context of the coach/player
24 relationship, did any aspect of your relationship

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1 with Mr. Romig occur on Pennridge School property?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Did it ever occur in any school vehicle?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Do you have any reason to believe that any
6 member of Pennridge's coaching staff or teaching
7 staff or any administrator prior to Mr. Romig's
8 arrest had knowledge of your relationship with him?

9 A. No.

10 Q. You may have already answered this and, if
11 you did, I apologize. Your friend Alli found out
12 about the relationship after Mr. Romig's arrest.
13 Your parents found out about the relationship in
14 late September 2013. Other than your parents and
15 Alli, do you have any reason to believe anyone knew
16 about the relationship prior to that time?

17 A. No.

18 Q. After the 2012 softball season at
19 Pennridge, so after your -- after your freshman
20 year, was there a banquet?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. First of all, you were on the JV team your
23 freshman year?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Was there a banquet in the spring of 2012
2 following your freshman year?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Did you attend that banquet?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Did your parents?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Was Mr. Romig there?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Did you have any interaction with Mr. Romig
11 at that banquet?

12 A. Just like softball wise, like he made
13 speeches for all the girls and like all the coaches
14 made speeches about the team and how they did.

15 Q. Do you know if your parents interacted with
16 Mr. Romig?

17 A. I don't know.

18 Q. Okay. Do you recall whether -- do you know
19 the name David Babb?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. He's the athletic director at Pennridge,
22 correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. He was the athletic director at Pennridge

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1 during the relevant time frame, is that your
2 understanding?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And do you know Tom Creeden?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. He was your principal at Pennridge High
7 School?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. You know he retired, but he was the
10 principal up until the '13/'14 school year, is that
11 correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. All right. Do you know if Mr. Creeden and
14 Mr. Babb were at the banquet in 2012?

15 A. I don't believe so.

16 Q. Okay. Did Mr. Babb ever treat you
17 inappropriately in any way?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did Mr. Creeden?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Did anyone at Pennridge other than Mr.
22 Romig ever treat you inappropriately in any way?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Did you ever hear from a teammate or a

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1 classmate that they had been treated
2 inappropriately during their career at Pennridge?

3 A. No.

4 Q. When the relationship became public, as a
5 result of Mr. Romig's arrest, what changed for you
6 at school, if anything?

7 A. Like I said, it was hard to walk through
8 the hallways and just see the -- my classmates
9 around me and everything, and it was hard for me to
10 focus in class, and some teachers allowed me to
11 makeup work that I missed like during the days that
12 I was absent, but some didn't, and it was just hard
13 for me to get back into the whole swing of things.

14 Q. Do you know who on the Pennridge staff knew
15 about the relationship and that the student who had
16 been victimized was you?

17 MR. GROTH: Are you talking after
18 his arrest?

19 BY MR. COX:

20 Q. After Mr. Romig's arrest, do you know -- do
21 you have awareness who at Pennridge knew that the
22 victim in the matter was you?

23 A. No, I don't know.

24 Q. Okay. You don't know -- you don't know of

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1 anyone at Pennridge who knew?

2 A. I don't know.

3 Q. Okay. Did you meet with anyone at
4 Pennridge, Mr. Babb, Mr. Creeden, or anyone else
5 with respect to the situation, with respect to your
6 relationship with Mr. Romig after his arrest?

7 A. We had meetings, like our guidance
8 counselors pulled the whole softball team together
9 and had meetings to talk to us and make sure we
10 were all okay and everything, and if we needed
11 anything, they said that they would be there for
12 us.

13 Q. And during those meetings, I take it, you
14 attended but didn't reveal that you were the
15 victim?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Is that correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Do you know whether any of your teammates
20 on the team took advantage of that offer to meet
21 with guidance counselors or other people?

22 A. I do not know.

23 Q. Did you?

24 A. Not really, no. I mean, like my guidance

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1 counselor pulled me aside, and she told me that if
2 I needed to talk or anything, she would be there.

3 Q. Who was your guidance counselor?

4 A. Mrs. Moffet.

5 Q. All right. And was she your guidance
6 counselor all through high school?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Did you ever pull her aside per her offer
9 and talk to her?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Did you use the guidance counselor's office
12 in 2013 or '14 for any reason related to the Romig
13 situation?

14 A. No.

15 Q. How about in 2014, '15?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Once your relationship with Mr. Romig
18 became public or became known on October 1, 2013,
19 from that date forward, do you have any criticism
20 of the way Pennridge handled the situation?

21 A. I mean, I feel like there could have been
22 assemblies afterwards, like not making known of
23 what happened, but like to inform students like
24 that if they need anything, like the steps on what

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1 to do or anything.

2 Q. So just with respect to this kind of a
3 situation generally?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. All right. Prior to or after the
6 relationship, were there any assemblies like that
7 at Pennridge?

8 A. No.

9 Q. During the time that you played softball at
10 Pennridge, my understanding is the head coach was
11 Paul Kohler, is that correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Do you have -- do you know what his
14 relationship with Eric Romig was like?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Did you observe it at any time?

17 A. Not off of the softball field, like they
18 just talked like coaches on the softball field.

19 Q. Did Paul Kohler have any reason to suspect
20 a relationship between you and Eric Romig?

21 MR. GROTH: Object to the form of
22 the question. Again, calls for
23 speculation on her part, but you can
24 answer if you can.

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1 THE WITNESS: Not that I know of.

2 BY MR. COX:

3 Q. Can you tell me who Leanne Kramer is?

4 A. She was an assistant coach on the varsity
5 team.

6 Q. What was your relationship with Ms. Kramer?

7 A. My freshman and sophomore year I didn't
8 play on the varsity team so I didn't really
9 interact that much. My junior and senior year --
10 or she was not there my senior year. She was there
11 my junior year, and she was just an assistant
12 coach.

13 Q. What was your relationship with her like?

14 A. It was good.

15 Q. How about your relationship with Paul
16 Kohler, was it good as well?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Can you tell us who Tyler Penhollow is if
19 I'm pronouncing that correctly?

20 A. He was also an assistant coach throughout
21 the four years.

22 Q. And how was your relationship with Mr.
23 Penhollow?

24 A. Again, I didn't see him much my first two

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1 years, but it was good the last two.

2 Q. Mr. Kemether or Mr. Santarone might have
3 asked you a question before, and they clarified
4 that they didn't want you to tell them what you
5 might have learned from your attorney, but only
6 information that you have independently, so I'm
7 going to ask you a question or two like that, and I
8 don't want to know anything that you've learned
9 from your attorney in response to these questions.
10 I want to know what you know independently, if
11 anything. Do you have any knowledge with respect
12 to a conversation between Mr. Babb and Mr.
13 Hollenbach that allegedly occurred at a PIAA
14 meeting and is referenced in your Complaint? Do
15 you have any knowledge of that conversation? The
16 Complaint refers to or alleges that Mr. Creeden
17 attempted to prevent certain classmates of yours
18 from attending Romig's sentencing hearing. Do you
19 have any independent information about that issue?

20 A. The girls just mentioned it like they were
21 upset that they were not able to go because of it.

22 Q. When you say the girls, you mean,
23 teammates?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Did they tell you whether Mr. Creeden had
2 given them an explanation for that decision?

3 A. They did not tell me.

4 Q. I have a couple documents, Miss Nace, that
5 I would like you to take a look at. I'll give them
6 to you all together. Sean, you didn't mark any
7 exhibits?

8 MR. KEMETHER: I didn't mark any
9 exhibits, no.

10 BY MR. COX:

11 Q. So the first one I would like you to look
12 at, Miss Nace, is your academic transcript, and we
13 can call it Nace 1, I guess.

14 (At this time, documents were
15 marked for identification as Exhibits
16 1-5.)

17 BY MR. COX:

18 Q. Miss Nace, if you would take a look at Nace
19 1, which is your academic transcript. I think I
20 understand the column that says year, term, and
21 grade level, course number, and the course name.
22 I think that's all fairly self-explanatory. The
23 column that has earned credits is the number of
24 credits that you earned for completing the course,

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1 correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Can you tell me what E1 is?

4 A. I believe there are exams, like we have
5 midterms and finals.

6 Q. So E1 is your midterm exam?

7 A. I believe.

8 Q. E2 is your final exam in each court?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Q1 through 4 represents your grade in the
11 each respective course for each quarter, is that
12 correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Then the far right-hand column refers to
15 your overall grade for the course for the entire
16 year, is that correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. All right. And does that appear to be, you
19 know, a true and accurate depiction of your grades
20 during your high school career and the courses that
21 you took?

22 A. I believe so.

23 Q. All right. Do you know what your weighted
24 GPA was for your high school career?

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1 A. I know it was above a 4.0, but I'm not sure
2 exactly what it was.

3 Q. What's a 4.0? Is that an A?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. So your GPA for your high school career was
6 above an a?

7 A. Yes, sorry.

8 Q. No problem. Do you know what your class
9 rank was at the time you graduated, Miss Nace?

10 A. I'm 74.

11 Q. Out of how many students?

12 A. I believe, there was 560 or around there.

13 Q. Okay. If you would turn your attention to
14 Nace 2. I'll represent to you that these are pages
15 detailing the dates of your absences in each of
16 grades 12, 11, 10, and 9. Do these look to be
17 accurate to you? Take a minute and --

18 A. I believe so.

19 Q. All right. If you would take a look at the
20 sheet for Grade 11, please, Miss Nace. You
21 discussed earlier you had taken -- you mentioned
22 earlier you had taken some time off at the time
23 that the relationship -- at the time of Mr. Romig's
24 arrest. Do you remember stating that?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Is that time off reflected on page 2, Grade
3 11 with respect to September 27, 2013 and then
4 October 1, 2013?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Is that the time that you took off as a
7 result of Mr. Romig's arrest?

8 A. From what I remember.

9 Q. Okay. Nace 3 I'll represent to you is your
10 disciplinary record, and it just reflects that you
11 have not been the subject of any discipline at
12 Pennridge School District during your tenure there,
13 is that accurate?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Nace 4 is an acknowledgement sheet dated
16 September 4, 2012, which acknowledges or purports
17 to acknowledge your receipt of the student handbook
18 for the 2012, 2013 school year. Is that your
19 signature on that first page, Miss Nace, dated
20 September 4, 2012?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Does that look like your mom's signature of
23 the same date below yours?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And do you remember receiving a copy of
2 this student handbook in 2012/2013?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay. Same questions for Nace 5 with
5 respect to the 2013/2014 handbooks. Is that your
6 signature?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Is that also your mom's signature on your
9 first page of Nace 5?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Do you remember receiving a copy of this
12 handbook for '13/'14 as well?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. All right. Thank you. Just a few more
15 minutes, miss Nace. Who was your closest friend in
16 high school? Was it Alli?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Did you take the SAT?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What did you score on that?

21 A. I do not remember. I believe it was in the
22 1600's, but I don't remember.

23 Q. Okay. When did you take the SAT?

24 A. My junior year.

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1 Q. So after your relationship with Mr. Romig?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Did you take the PSAT the prior yeah?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Do you remember what you scored on the
6 PSAT?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Do you know what a perfect score is on the
9 SAT?

10 A. 2400, I believe.

11 Q. Okay. You believe your score was somewhere
12 in the 1600's?

13 A. I believe so.

14 Q. Do you know the name Shannon O'Sullivan?

15 A. I believe, she's a guidance counselor.

16 Q. Did you ever discuss anything related to
17 the Romig matter with her?

18 A. No.

19 Q. You had mentioned that you -- when I asked
20 you if you had any criticism of the way Pennridge
21 handled the situation after Romig's arrest, you had
22 mentioned -- you criticized there had been no
23 general assembly type programs with respect to your
24 situation generally, not your situation

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1 specifically, but with respect to relations between
2 coaches and teachers and students and the players.
3 Do you have any criticism of the way Pennridge
4 handled anything after Mr. Romig's arrest other
5 than that criticism?

6 A. I don't believe so.

7 Q. All right. Were you ever the victim of any
8 kind of harassment or other kind of bullying or any
9 other kind of inappropriate conduct by way of a
10 student while at Pennridge?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Did you ever -- did you ever file a
13 complaint with Pennridge of any kind during your
14 tenure there --

15 A. No.

16 Q. -- with respect to with the way anyone
17 treated you?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did any of your friends ever do that?

20 A. Not that I know of.

21 Q. Do you have any idea how your teammates --
22 you suspect your teammates found out it was you.
23 Do you have any idea how that happened?

24 A. Well, I know they went to -- I believe,

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1 they went to one hearing or something. I know they
2 were able to go to one, so I believe they found out
3 there.

4 Q. And did you want them to go to that
5 hearing?

6 A. I didn't really care.

7 Q. Okay. Is your -- your anorexia or eating
8 disorder, that's resolved now?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. Were you ever diagnosed with
11 post-traumatic stress disorder?

12 A. No.

13 MR. COX: That's all I have.

14 Thank you very much.

15 BY MR. RUSSELL:

16 Q. Ms. Nace, Jonathan Russell. I represent
17 the Faith Christian defendants as well. I have a
18 few follow-up questions also. One of the reasons
19 that we have to ask you some questions is you
20 brought a Complaint that's alleging damages for
21 injuries that you sustained, so we have to kind of
22 sort through what those damages are and try to have
23 a better understanding of that. One of the issues
24 that you mentioned was that in the event you have a

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1 future relationship, future husband, you may have
2 to talk about this situation with Eric Romig and
3 what transpired. I'm wondering if you ever, when
4 you were with Eric Romig, considered him your
5 boyfriend or how would you consider that?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Did you talk to him at all about your past
8 sexual experiences with him during that boyfriend
9 relationship?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Did you ever tell him that you had a sexual
12 relationship with a coach named Mark Geary?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Did you ever tell him that you had a sexual
15 relationship with Kyle?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Did you ever tell him that you had a sexual
18 relationship subsequently with someone named Caleb?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Did Eric Romig ever tell you during this
21 boyfriend/girlfriend relationship that he had had
22 sexual relations with anyone else other than his
23 wife?

24 A. No.

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1 Q. He did not tell you or there was no one
2 that he mentioned?

3 A. He didn't tell me anyone but his wife.

4 Q. Did you ever tell Eric Romig that you were
5 very accomplished sexually?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Did he ever tell you anything about Faith
8 Christian Academy when you were together?

9 A. No.

10 Q. And just so I have an understanding of the
11 timing of this, I'm trying to piece it together. I
12 think in your prior testimony you talked about
13 texting communications started towards the end of
14 your sophomore year, which would be in 2013?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. When did those texts become what you would
17 consider inappropriate?

18 A. I would say the end of April or the end of
19 May.

20 Q. What about those texts made it
21 inappropriate in your mind?

22 A. Just that he was trying to earn my trust
23 and the things that he would say.

24 Q. Well, let me take a step back. You talked

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1 about earning your trust, asking about your family
2 or some situations. Was there ever anything sexual
3 in those texts in April or May?

4 A. No.

5 Q. When did the first text that was sexual in
6 nature occur?

7 A. I believe, it was around June.

8 Q. Was it before school let out or after
9 school let out?

10 A. I think before.

11 Q. Was that after the softball season had
12 ended?

13 A. I believe so.

14 Q. Mr. Romig was not a teacher. He was a
15 softball coach, correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Do you know when his contract term went
18 from, when to when? Do you have any idea?

19 A. I don't know.

20 Q. When was the -- what was the first text
21 that was sexual in nature? Do you recall that?

22 A. I don't remember.

23 Q. Do you know when, for lack of a better
24 term, a sexting occurred which would be an image or

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1 video of part of your body or part of his body?

2 When was that first sent, do you know?

3 A. I believe, in July.

4 Q. Was that first sent by him or first sent by
5 you?

6 A. Him.

7 Q. In response to that, did you send a video
8 or a picture of yourself back to him?

9 A. Not right away.

10 Q. How soon after?

11 A. Like the second or third time he did.

12 Q. And at this time in July, were you on the
13 Silver -- Sellersville Belles, I'm sorry? Were you
14 on the Sellersville Belles?

15 A. No.

16 Q. When did that team start up?

17 A. In August.

18 Q. With regard to the sexual intercourse that
19 occurred and you said between 8 to 12 times, I
20 think, when did that first occur?

21 A. In July.

22 Q. And that continued while he was coaching
23 the Sellersville Belles?

24 A. Yes.